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dent of the Second Ward. He is sober, industrious, forceful, energetic, painstaking, systematic, untiring, intelligent, educated and clean morally. He has been engaged in business during all the period of my acquaintance with him. His reputation in the business world is good. He served for four years as a member of the County Board of Cook county. He made a good record. He is qualified for the office of Alderman. If he is elected I have faith to believe that he will be thoroughly representative of the city's best thought.

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) MARTIN B. MADDEN.

NEGRO BOOMED FOR ALDERMAN.

Republican Second Ward Leaders Indorse Oscar De Priest, Realty Man.

### ONCE ON COUNTY BOARD.

Oscar De Priest, former county commissioner and one of the recognized Colored Republican leaders of Chicago, was indorsed unanimously for the Republican nomination for alderman for the Second Ward last night by the regular Republican ward organization.

"Congressman Martin B. Madden, the ward committeeman; State Senator Samuel A. Ettelson, and White and Colored men representative of all the party factions participated in the meeting at De Priest's real estate office, 3439 South State street. Ald. George F. Harding, whose term expires next spring and who has just been elected to the state senate, was not present, but was represented by several lieutenants.

### First O K of Its Kind.

"Politicians commented that it is the first time a regular party organization in any Chicago ward has indorsed a Colored man for alderman, and that, if elected, Mr. De Priest will be the first Colored man to sit in the Chicago city council.

"The race has had at least one representative in the general assembly at Springfield for twenty years. In the coming legislative session there will be two Colored Republicans. While the Republicans were in power four and six years ago, Mr. De Priest represented his race on the county board. He has been affiliated with the Deen organization.

### Madden Presents Resolutions.

"A. J. Pfaffman, chairman of the executive committee, presided at the meeting. The resolutions indorsing De Priest were offered by Congressman Madden."—From The Chicago Daily Tribune, November 28, 1914.

### LEGISLATIVE VOTERS LEAGUE ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT ON CANDIDATES FOR PRIMARY OF 1916.

Oscar De Priest, 3836 Dearborn St., born in Alabama in 1871; painting contractor; has been county commissioner, two terms, and has excellent official record; character, habits and ability good.

Third Ward patronage, per annum, 1903—John C. Buckner, \$1,400; R. A. Williams, \$1,000. Total \$2,400.

Increased by Mr. De Priest, per annum, 1906—Buckner, \$1,400; Williams, \$1,000; DePriest, \$3,000; Lockman, \$1,500; Riley, \$1,000; one girl, \$480. Total \$8,740.

Further increase by Mr. DePriest, per annum, 1906—Buckner, \$1,400; Blackburn, \$1,000; De Priest, \$3,000; Lockman, \$1,500; Riley, \$1,500; Ferribee,

\$1,000; Taylor, \$1,200; Maj. Denison, \$4,000; Samuels, \$1,200; J. Q. Grant, \$1,200; Barnett, \$720; John Butler, \$720; Richardson, \$780; four wagons, \$3,600; Jones, Springfield, \$800; Dr. Chavis, \$1,200; one girl, \$600; Snowden, \$1,248; Chas. Williams, \$1,000; seven women, county building, \$2,520. Total \$30,608.

Mr. De Priest has also been endorsed by the following organizations, which positively denies the charge that he is one man's choice: A. M. E. Ministers' association, Doctors, Dentists and Pharmacists association, Colored Barbers association, Colored Waiters association, by the Asphalt Pavers Union Local No. 25, and by 400 ladies who assembled at the Institutional church and by 47 of the 50 precinct committeemen of the Second Ward Republican organization, and it is safe to say that no man residing in any ward in this city could have a more representative endorsement and we feel confident that with such strong backing that the great majority of the Republicans in the Second Ward will deem it an honor and a pleasure to record their votes on Tuesday, February 23, for Hon. Oscar De Priest and not only nominate him but elect him in April, for in every way he is fully capable of representing all the people living in that ward in the city council.

### CONGRESSMAN A. J. SABATH AND A. H. ROBERTS DELIVERED ELOQUENT ADDRESSES AT THE LINCOLN DAY CELEBRATION AT BETHEL CHURCH LAST SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Julius F. Taylor moved that a Rising Vote of Thanks be Extended to them for their Timely Remarks.

Last Sunday afternoon Abraham Lincoln's birthday was celebrated at Bethel church, under the auspices of the Bethel Literary Society, B. W. Fitts, president, who also served as chairman of the meeting, and the church was filled to overflowing.

Congressman A. J. Sabath, Hon. A. H. Roberts and Judge John Stelk were the principal orators, and their timely remarks were well received.

At the conclusion of their speaking, the writer moved that a rising vote of thanks be extended to them for their glowing tribute to the memory of Mr. Lincoln.

The following program was rendered: Song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," audience; prayer, Rev. T. A. Smythe, pastor of Bethel church; song, choir, Mr. James A. Mundy, director; reading, "Lincoln's Picture," Mrs. R. A. Jackson; song, choir, Mr. James A. Mundy, director.

Offertory.  
Organ selection, Prof. Walter E. Gosette; address, Mr. A. H. Roberts; solo, "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" (Liddle), Mrs. T. A. Smythe; address, Congressman A. J. Sabath; song, choir, Mr. James A. Mundy, director.  
Announcements, benediction.

### APPOMATTOX CLUB.

Judge Albert C. Barnes will address the members, their wives and friends Sunday, February 21, 1915, at 4 p. m. upon the occasion of the anniversary of George Washington. The judge is a learned and logical speaker, and a true friend of the Afro-American race. All friends are invited.

The meeting last Sunday in honor of the joint anniversary of Lincoln and Fred. Douglass was a grand affair. Both Hon. E. H. Morris, who spoke upon Lincoln, and Hon. Medill McCormick, who spoke upon Douglass, acquitted themselves most splendidly, while Madame Hackley and Master Harrison Emanuel were all that one could expect in their respective solos, vocal and instrumental.

Chairman Beauregard F. Moseley and his committee on civic affairs and public speakers are to be congratulated upon this return to the original purposes of the club.

The Liberal Culture Society of Chicago, Hon. George H. Jackson, president; Mrs. I. L. Ferribee, secretary; gave a birthday anniversary dinner last evening, in memory of Frederick Douglass, at the Y. M. C. A. Prof. George Burnam Foster, Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay Davis, Parker Sercombe, Hon. Richard T. Greener, Mrs. Grace Wilbur Trout, Mr. S. Laing Williams, Rev. A. J. Carey, Mr. George W. Ellis, Mr. W. H. A. Moore, better known as Judge Moore, responded to sentiments as inspired by Frederick Douglass.

The Citizens' Committee, in charge of the arrangements to give a grand ball and reception to raise funds to entertain the delegates to the National Medical Convention which will meet here in August, have changed the date of the ball from Monday evening, May 4, to Monday evening, April 19, at the Eighth Regiment armory, 35th street and Forest avenue. Col. John R. Marshall, chairman.

James D. Marshall, one of the Democratic candidates for the nomination for Alderman of the Second Ward, is waging a lively campaign.



THE IMMORTAL FREDERICK DOUGLASS

He was one of the foremost leaders in the anti-slavery agitation. It was his matchless eloquence which finally brought about its downfall in America. His 98th birthday anniversary will be celebrated Sunday afternoon, February 21st, at Quinn Chapel. Prof. Richard T. Greener and Chief Justice Harry Olson will be the leading orators.

The Coleridge-Taylor Club gave their first monthly social Tuesday evening, at the Y. M. C. A., and its founder, James A. Mundy, and its members and friends spent an enjoyable evening.

In the afternoon of February 21, at 4 p. m., Washington's birthday will be celebrated at the Appomattox Club, 3441 S. Wabash avenue. Hon. Albert C. Barnes, one of the judges of the Appellate Court, will deliver the principal address.

Miss Anna Schulman, 3405 W. 16th street, a stenographer for Attorney Walter M. Farmer, 184 W. Washington street, somehow or other fell while descending the stairs in her home Wednesday evening and broke one of her ankles, which will cause her to be confined to her home for at least several weeks.



HON. CYRIL R. JANDUS  
Democratic Candidate for Judge of the Municipal Court, to be voted for at the primaries Tuesday, February 23.

Hon. Cyril R. Jandus, democratic candidate for judge of the Municipal Court who is one of the most popular officials in the county building who is 49 years old has honorably served four years as representative in the general assembly, eight years as state senator, assistant corporation counsel, city prosecuting attorney, attorney for 16 building and loan associations, six years as assistant probate judge and chief clerk of the Probate Court, speaks six languages and he is an ardent supporter of all personal liberty measures and member of Political Action Committee of the United Societies.

Attorney Timothy J. Fell, suite 1112 Chamber of Commerce building, who is far up in politics on the Northwest Side, residing in the 25th Ward, is a firm supporter of Robt. M. Sweitzer, and he is thoroughly convinced that he will be the next mayor of Chicago.

INCOMPETENT PERSONS—RIGHT TO DISMISS WRIT OF INQUIRY.—That a statutory proceeding in the nature of the writ inquiring de lunatico cannot be dismissed by the petitioner without the consent of the court acting in its discretion for the interests of the public and of the person whose sanity is questioned, is held in the Missouri case of State ex rel. Paxton v. Gulnotte, 51 L. R. A. (N. S.) 1191.

### HIGHWAY—NEGLIGENT DRIVING OF AUTOMOBILE—FORCING OTHER CAR OFF FROM ROAD.—

There seems to be little authority upon the question of liability for injuries resulting from crowding an automobile off the road. The Michigan case of Granger v. Farrant, 51 L. R. A. (N. S.) 453, holds that the driver of an automobile who overtakes and passes another car at such speed, and returns to the right side of the road so close to it as to disconcert its driver by striking the car and causing it to swerve over the embankment, is liable for the injury thereby inflicted upon the occupants of the car, although the blow was not sufficient to propel the car over the embankment.



HON. JOHN STELK

One of the upright and honorable judges of the Municipal Court, who attended the Abraham Lincoln celebration at Bethel church last Sunday afternoon, and was well pleased with the glowing tribute paid to the memory of Mr. Lincoln by Mr. A. H. Roberts.

### SHORT AND SHARP.

It's human nature to want other people to be liberal.

Right never seems to triumph when we are the losers.

Beware of letting your hopes become expectations.

The Hague palace looks as pretty as ever in the pictures.

Speaking of casualties, just think how much time is killed every day.

Some kinds of advice are like castor oil—unpleasant to the taste, but beneficial if taken.

Some people are so absentminded that they forget about everything except themselves.

There is danger that one conspicuous section of the canal may become known popularly as the Slide.

Every once in a while the fighting in Europe stops to let a czar or a king or an emperor hang a medal on a general.

An enthusiastic inventor has a roll calling device which he claims will save time. But what's time to congress?

If they keep on in Mexico they will get the seats for gentlemen who are presidents emeritus rather badly crowded.

The man who gets up with a "head" the next morning gives ample proof that he did not have much of a one the night before.

The censor is the leading character in a novel by a war correspondent, whose only regret must be that he couldn't kill him in the middle of the story.

### Flippant Flings.

A scientist has discovered that women live longer than men. Yes, but they usually hate to admit it.—Chicago Herald.

As long as they don't begin to name our Pullman cars after some of those battles in Poland and Galicia we shall be able to escape some of the horrors of the war.—Philadelphia Press.

It costs \$20.70 to talk from New York to San Francisco for three minutes. It's a cinch that the man paying that price doesn't begin his talk with, "Guess who this is?"—Detroit Free Press.

The "Made in U. S. A." campaign is to extend even to husbands—American girls are agreeing to marry the home product. But doesn't this amount to an unneutral rule against exporting the munitions of matrimony?—New York Sun.

### Household Helps.

After frying onions pour a little vinegar into the frying pan, let it get hot, and it will remove all smell from the pan.

When emptying feathers from one pillow to another sew the opening of one to the other and you will not waste your feathers.

If you have any poison in the house tie a tiny bell to the bottle neck, thus avoiding all danger of using it in mistake even though labeled.

Spread papers over your kitchen table before starting to clean poultry, to make bread, cakes or pies. They catch waste and save much cleaning up afterward.

### Current Comment.

The various presidents of Mexico do not stop at the capital. They just pass through it.—Philadelphia Press.

On the other hand, society ought to find a way to make men before they have to go to Sing Sing.—Detroit Free Press.

Count Okuma's forecast of Japan ruling the world suggests that he first learn to control his own imagination.—Washington Post.

When they really do bridge the Atlantic by means of the wireless telephone, let us hope that there will be something cheerful to say.—Chicago News.

### Dress Hints.

Try a curved surgical needle for sewing on the bows and buckles of pumps.

When putting away silk waists take out shields, as they are apt to crack the silk.

Women with long, thin necks should not wear collarless blouses, as the effect is not good.

After dressing and when ready to go out place a hand mirror on the floor against the wall and turn slowly around. If the underskirt shows below the dress it will readily be seen, and a slovenly look may be avoided.

### Telephone Calls.

All telephone operators in Egypt are required to be able to speak English, French, Italian, Greek and Arabic.

New York city alone has more telephones than Belgium, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Norway and Switzerland combined.

The British postmaster general is seeking to increase the use of telephones among Irish farmers. A rate has been arranged whereby three or more farmers on a line can have unlimited local calls at \$14.00 each per annum.

### SIKES AND SONS.

R. W. Waters of St. Louis has retired after forty years as a railway conductor.

Joseph H. Choate, the dean of the American bar, is now eighty-three years of age.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg has been made an honorary doctor of law by the University of Breslau.

Honorable T. Chase Casgrain, Canada's new postmaster general, was born in Detroit, though since childhood he has lived in Quebec.

Dispatches tell of the spurtan conduct of Colonel Lopoukhine of the Russian army, who went to the body of his son, killed in Galicia, kissed his forehead and lips, remounted his horse and continued giving orders.

General Leman, the Belgian commander and hero of Liege, who was almost suffocated by gases from chemical bombs thrown into Fort Louvain when the Belgians refused to surrender, is now reported fully recovered. He was also severely wounded, and after being taken prisoner was removed to Magdeburg, where an operation was later found necessary.

### Echoes of the War.

The most unpleasant thing about the march of civilization is the rattle of artillery that accompanies it.—Boston Transcript.

All the nations claim that they were forced into the war, and some of them are going to be forced out of it in time.—Philadelphia Press.

One of the nations has expended \$780,000,000 since hostilities were begun, which is a brilliant commentary on the progress of the alleged human race.—Detroit News.

Isn't it peculiar how the belligerents always seem so well informed about the enemy's losses in battle, but can't summon up enough nerve to tell about their own?—St. Paul Dispatch.

### Cost of Living.

If ordinary wheat continues to advance in price a resourceful public may resort to buckwheat cakes and sausage.—Chicago News.

If wheat and cotton could get together and strike an average on their booms it would be more encouraging for the general public and make a better living price on bread.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Considering the meat shortage that we have been up against for some years, it is little short of marvelous the way we are managing to increase our beef exports in such enormous quantities.—Indianapolis News.

### Tales of Cities.

Philadelphia has 12,000 orphans in seventy-seven institutions.

Boston has changed the boundaries of all wards. Now the city has twenty-six wards.

Modern Cairo is built upon the remains of four distinct cities, which date back to the first century. It is the largest city in Africa.

St. Paul has seventy-six parks, one of which, Como park, is one of the most beautiful in the United States. These parks cover an area of 1,661 acres and cost \$1,663,221.

### State Lines.

Ohio had a prohibitory liquor law 100 years ago.

In drilling for oil last year in California holes extending a distance of 200 miles, could they be placed end to end, were sunk.

From 1876 to the end of 1914 South Dakota has produced \$155,224,000 in gold. Cripple Creek, Colo., to the end of 1914 has produced \$250,000,000 in gold.

### BRIGHT BRIEFS.

Learning to do without gives you more to do with.

Neutrals are not half so tired of war as the men in the trenches.

Nobody is entitled to wear a halo just because he has never been in jail.

It is easier to pose as a prophet than it is to stand from under when your predictions go lame.

One kind of idiot is the fellow who attempts to take taxi rides with a trolley car pocketbook.

Lawyers occasionally break a man's will, but more frequently it goes down before a woman's won't.

If the Nobel peace prize is cumulative, it will be a nice fat fortune for the next one who wins it.

A lot of people don't care whether they are sublime or ridiculous so long as there is a crowd looking at them.

A man climbed nineteen stories to rob the St. Louis Press club. Somebody will try to rob a posthouse next.

If the North sea were ever drained the bottom would look worse than a country wagon maker's back yard.

A scientist has announced that a pipeful of tobacco will kill a goldfish. But there is this redeeming feature—comparatively few goldfish smoke.

Instead of coming right out and calling a man a slob those scientific Washington officials say that he is suffering from "constitutional psychopathic ferility."